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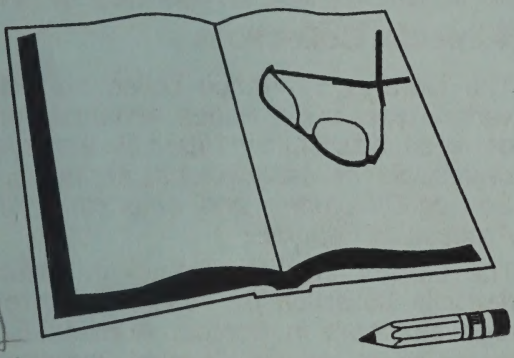

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The Boston Redevelopment Authority Library was established in May 1966 in order to acquire, organize, and disseminate material to serve the research and reference needs of the B.R.A. staff. Today, the Library also serves area college students and the general public. The scope of the collection is broad, covering the many aspects of urban planning, housing, redevelopment, and related topics.

Resources

● Special Collections

The Library's reference collection includes various types of directories, almanacs, and indexes such as *Current Urban Documents, Encyclopedia of Associations, Massachusetts Service Directories,* and *American Planning Association Reports.*

The Library also maintains an extensive **Newsclip Collection** on issues related to redevelopment in Boston. Additionally, the library offers unique **Historical Documents** on development in Boston, **BRA Research Reports,** and **Developers' Proposals.**

● Periodicals and newspapers

The Periodical & Newspaper Collection consists of over 100 titles. These titles are retained for varying lengths of time. Newsletters produced by local agencies are also available. A complete listing of periodicals may be obtained by calling the Library.

● Online databases

The library has access to over 300 databases covering all subject areas. Some databases index and abstract the periodical literature, while others provide the full text of articles or statistical information. The Librarian will determine if your information needs will require an online search.

Services

● Research

The Library's staff can provide you with information and answers to many questions. If you are looking for historical or current information on Boston's neighborhoods, assistance with documents for a project, a copy of a recent article, or statistical data, the Library staff can assist you.

The Librarian will compile bibliographies on a particular topic and, whenever possible, provide the needed books and periodicals. Information can be provided on a timely basis through the Library's own collection, the use of online databases, and a network of outside sources.

● Routing of periodicals

Current periodicals and newsletters are distributed from the Library to B.R.A. employees upon request. A list of all routed publications may be obtained from the Library.

● Publications

Table of Contents Pages from selected publications, and *B.R.A. Library Acquisitions* are produced by the Library. These publications are distributed upon request.

● Interlibrary loans

The Library staff can obtain books and copies of articles not available in the B.R.A. Library from other libraries for you. The Library has reciprocal borrowing arrangements with a few libraries in the area.

● Books and journals purchasing

The Library serves as a centralized department for the B.R.A. for handling all purchases of books and periodicals. The Librarian must sign off on all publication purchases. In this way, unnecessary duplication of orders can be controlled, and a master file of publications purchased by B.R.A. staff is kept. Requisitions signed by the Assistant Director must be submitted to the Library, and all invoices for the materials are approved for payment by the Librarian.

● Circulation

Periodicals, newspapers and books within the general collection are available for loan to B.R.A. employees only. The circulation policy is as follows:

Books and Reports .....2 weeks
Periodicals .....1 week
Reference Books .....Restricted

Your link to information

Think about it. How many times have you needed information, but haven't had the time to track it down? With the B.R.A. Library at your disposal, it's easy to get the information you need to do your job well. Through the Library, you have access to a specially trained staff, unique historical documents, modern computer technology, on-line databases, inter-library loans, and more.

The B.R.A. Library.

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General Information

Boston Redevelopment Authority Library

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Hours
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday

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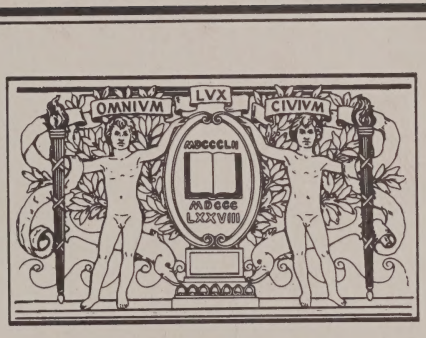

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